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pursue the subject matter thereof in a continuing application.

Please add new claim 19 as follows:

19. (New) A substantially purified extracellular domain of the human neu gene product, said product being detectable in a biological fluid by its immunoreactivity with a monoclonal antibody or immunoreactive fragment thereof produced by the hybridoma cell line

- (a) OD-3, having ATCC accession number HB 10204;
- (b) NB-3, having ATCC accession number HB 10205; or
- (c) TA-1, having ATCC accession number HB 10206.

REMARKS

Applicants have hereinabove canceled claim 1 without prejudice, and have added new claim 19. New claim 19 corresponds to claim 1. Support for new claim 19 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 6, lines 9 through 15, page 9, lines 7 through 18, page 10, lines 29-35, page 36, line 18 through page 38, line 21 and Figures 11-18. Applicants maintain that the addition of this new claim raises no issue of new matter and respectfully request entry of this Amendment. Upon entry of this Amendment, claim 19 will be pending and under examination.

In view of the arguments set forth below, applicants maintain that the Examiner's objections and rejections made in the July 5, 2002 Final Office Action have been overcome, and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw same.